

Early Years Key Messages

15th June 2025

Please share Key Messages with **all** staff in your provision. Previous Key Messages available at:
<https://cyps.northyorks.gov.uk/early-years-key-messages>

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The North Yorkshire Children Safeguarding Partnership are excited to announce the programme for Safeguarding Week 16th-20th June 2025. Please see the poster in the link to book your place.

[Safeguarding Week 2025 Programme.pdf](#)

LADO - New Contact Duty Telephone Number

LADO have a new telephone number **Tel: 01609 798005**. The old number will transition through to the new number for a short time.

LADO Leaflet and Transferable Risk Template

Please find attached a LADO leaflet along with a template and example document of transferable risk assessment. These documents are available on the NYSCP website and should be accessed via the website to ensure the most up to date version is being used. Safeguarding information and practice guidance is available on [NYSCP](#) (Attachment 1 and 2)

FIS Facebook For EY and Wraparound Providers

We would like to invite all early years and wraparound staff, childminders, headteachers, managers and admin staff, to follow the page, so please share the details within your teams.

North Yorkshire Council Early Years Providers: <https://www.facebook.com/share/1GoWuGjKU1/>

EYFS Nutrition Guidance

The guidance was updated on 30th May 2025. This will support providers to understand how to implement the existing EYFS requirement which states “Where children are provided with meals, snacks and drinks, these must be healthy, balanced and nutritious” [Early Years Foundation Stage nutrition guidance](#)

Early Years Healthy Lunchbox Guidance

Please follow the link for a colourful poster you can display and use with families to encourage healthy packed lunchboxes for children [Early-Years-Healthy-Lunchboxes-leaflet.pdf](#)

FREE Level 3 Early Years Qualifications – Last Chance!

Funding for the fully funded Level 3 Early Years Educator qualifications is ending in August 2025 and we are not currently aware of any further funding for the new academic year. If you, or anybody working in your childcare provision, are interested in completing a fully funded* level 3 qualification, please email EYexpansion@northyorks.gov.uk *Eligibility criteria apply. The course duration is 20 months and upon completion, learners will hold a full Early Years Level 3 qualification that allows them to be included in child : staff ratios. **Final date for enrolling is 16th July 2025.**

FREE Dingley’s Promise Training

Dingley’s Promise FREE training is available for ALL early years PVI providers and school staff in North Yorkshire. Committee members, owners and parents are also able to undertake the training for free – even if they only want to do one module! Please see the attached guide for you to sign up to Dingley’s Promise Training (**Attachment 3**)

NEW – Childminder Informal Get Together – 10th July

We would like to invite all childminders in North Yorkshire to come along to our first childminder network get together on **Thursday 10th July 2025 at 7pm**. This will be an informal one-hour session with no agenda, just an opportunity to chat and develop connections with other childminders. We would like to encourage anybody who wants to, to share positive experiences. Details of how to join via Teams can be found below.

Teams meeting link: [Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 387 752 702 898 6

Passcode: ew9d7vo3

Jobcentre+ Recruitment Support

Do you have childcare staff vacancies that you are struggling to recruit for? We have been working closely with the Jobcentre+ who are very keen to support both early years and wraparound childcare providers in North Yorkshire to help support with filling staff vacancies. If you feel this is something you would benefit from, please contact michael.dales@dwp.gov.uk

Yorkshire and Humber Stronger Practice Hub (Childhaven Nursery)

Childhaven Nursery (Scarborough) is looking for another early years setting to be a hub partner. This needs to be a PVI who has expertise in children aged 0-2 years in any part of the county. The commitment would be to attend termly board meetings in Scarborough (these could be online) and support some events including hosting 'good practice' sessions at their setting with a 0-2 focus. If this is something your setting would like to be part of, please contact them direct on sph@childhaven.n-yorks.sch.uk

There are 18 Early Years Stronger Practice Hubs nationally, two in each of the government office region. The Hubs provide support and advice to improve quality in early years settings by sharing good practice and offering evidence-informed professional development for early years educators. For more information and to sign up to their newsletter please follow the link www.strongerpracticehubs.org.uk

Wraparound Childcare Revenue Grant Funding

Wraparound childcare revenue grant funding applications are now being accepted from primary schools and private, voluntary and independent (PVI) providers, including childminders, to create or expand wraparound childcare provision.

The DfE expects all primary schools to offer wraparound childcare from 0800 – 1800 (or equivalent if data shows that local demand is for different hours), Monday to Friday for all children in Reception to Year Six during term-time. Wraparound childcare can take place on or off the school site and can be delivered by private, voluntary or independent providers (PVI) or can be school run. Parents must not be required to transport children between the wraparound childcare setting and school.

What can be funded with the grant?

Examples of eligible spend include:

- Creating new wraparound childcare where there is no current provision
- Expanding existing provision either by increasing the number of places offered, or an extension of session timings and/or days
- Covering costs, including staffing, training, and transport costs, such as minibus hire (not purchase), as well as resources (up to a value of £500)
- Contributions to running costs whilst demand builds, to remove any financial risk to providers of offering additional places before demand is guaranteed

How do I apply?

Applications should be made via the online application forms in section 4 of the attached NYC Wraparound Childcare Revenue Grant Funding Guidance. All applicants should read the guidance in full before submitting an application and should contact wraparoundchildcare@northyorks.gov.uk for further information.

All applicants must:

- **complete and submit the Initial Questions online form - link in section 4 of the attached guidance document,**
- **complete and submit the relevant application form(s) – links in section 4 of the attached guidance document,**
- **sign the Grant Funding Application Declaration (attached) and email it to wraparoundchildcare@northyorks.gov.uk,**
- **complete and sign the Supporting Evidence checklist (attached) and email it to wraparoundchildcare@northyorks.gov.uk with all supporting documents.**

(Application Guidance attachment 4, Grant Funding Calculator attachment 5 Supporting Evidence Checklist attachment 6, Grant Application attachment 6 and 7.

How much funding can I apply for?

The NYC Wraparound Childcare Grant Funding Calculator (attached) has been designed to inform all applicants of the eligible funding for each grant type.

Grant Type 1: Creation of new wraparound childcare provision

Indicative funding allocation amounts for Grant Type 1 are as follows:

Creation of full wraparound provision: £28,600
Creation of before school provision: £6,700
Creation of after school provision: £21,900

Grant Type 2: Expansion of existing wraparound care provision hours and/or days

Indicative funding allocation amounts for Grant Type 2 are as follows:

£40.00 per hour or equivalent

Grant Type 3 Expansion of the number of places offered in existing wraparound care provision

Indicative funding allocation amounts for Grant Type 3 are as follows:

Before School Provision: £280.00 per place
After School Provision: £1,040.00 per place

The revenue grant funding application window for year two (Financial Year 2025/2026) of the Programme runs from 19th May 2025 until 30th January 2026. It is anticipated that this will be the final opportunity to apply for wraparound childcare revenue grant funding.

NEW - Wraparound Childcare ‘Coffee Break’ Thursday 26th June, 7 – 8pm

We are pleased to invite all wraparound childcare providers to come together for an informal, online catch-up on all things wraparound. There will be no agenda, just an opportunity to ask questions, share ideas and to develop connections with other wraparound childcare providers. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible. **(Attachment 8)**

Microsoft Teams [Need help?](#)

[Join the meeting now](#)

Early Years Educator Advocates

The Education Endowment Foundation (EEF) is looking for six early years practitioners from across the PVI and maintained sector to become champions to model and support evidence-informed approaches for an initial two-year period. Advocates will receive a package of support and will be expected to travel across England. Applicants have until 23:59 on 19th June to apply for the role. For more information, including click [here](#)

DfE Check an Early Years Qualification Service

Early Years managers and leaders can check details about a qualification and receive a clear outcome that can be printed. The service aims to simplify qualification checks achieved in the UK, reduce admin and save time during the recruitment process. Early years managers can now use the new [Check an early years qualification](#) digital service to quickly verify whether staff qualifications meet the requirements for staff:child ratios. The new service can be accessed at https://check-an-early-years-qualification.service.gov.uk/?utm_source=northyorks&utm_medium=referral&utm_campaign=la

The service is tailored specifically for early years managers. All other user groups (e.g. practitioners) should continue to use the [Early Years Qualifications List \(EYQL\)](#) to check qualifications, and contact [Ecctis](#) if they are unable to find the qualification on the EYQL. Holders of non-UK qualifications should continue to contact [Ecctis](#) for an assessment.

Ofsted Newsletter

The Ofsted newsletter will keep you up to date with their news and publications every month. If you would like to subscribe to receive the newsletter sign up here: [sign up](#).

New on the HUB – Ofsted Early Years Providers Registration Advice

This new infographic from Ofsted has been produced to help all providers, including childminders, to understand the registration process. [Ofsted Early Years Provider Registration Advice - childcareworks.org.uk](#)

Early Years Funding

<u>Early Years Funding</u>
Provider Portal open for headcount checks until 5pm today Friday 13th June <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ The portal closes today for providers to check their headcount submission and make any amendments✓ Please refer to the email sent out on Monday 2nd June with instructions✓ Please note, this only relates to children attending on headcount week
Summer term 2025 After Headcount Claims <p>The Portal will be available week commencing 16th June for providers to submit After Headcount claims. Guidance on how to make an 'after headcount' claim can be found through this link. After headcount guidance.pdf</p>
Date for your Diary - Provider Briefings - Wednesday 2 July at 1:30pm and 7pm <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Email eyft@northyorks.gov.uk to book a place, please include the following details:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provider/Setting Name,• Names of attendee's / email addresses (to receive their teams invite),• Session they would like to attend
Confirmation of details for new Funding Agreement – DEADLINE PASSED <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Providers required to sign a new Funding Agreement were sent an email on Friday 9th May from Rosie Mackay✓ If you have not responded to the email, please do so asap to avoid a delay in issuing your new Funding Agreement✓ <i>Please note – no Funding Agreements have been issued at this stage – you will receive your agreement in due course</i>

